

REMARKS

In the most recent Office Action, Examiner states that the original grounds of rejection are moot, and the rejection to the Drawings is withdrawn.

Claims 1, 7-9, 13-14, and 16-20 are currently rejected under 35 USC 103 over Chao in view of Debes.

At the Examiner Interview on May 22, 2006, Examiner Baker and Supervisory Examiner Williams stated that the claims would be allowable over the cited art if the limitations of originally-filed claim 6 were included in each dependent claim 1 and 17. Claim 6 itself has been cancelled.

Whatever the merits of other pending rejections of dependent claims, all dependent claims are deemed allowable as being dependent from either claim 1 or claim 17 as amended.

The claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-3811, Rochester, NY.

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